Complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew, retired Director of Registration.

455. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received complaints against Mr. E. I. Mathew when he was the Director of Registration ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what enquiries have been made on such complaints ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the nature and result of such enquiries ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why no enquiry was made ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*).

(*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*). In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

Road from Aruvikara to Vellanadu.

456. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the existence of a *pucca* bridge by the side of the anicut at Aruvikara, constructed by the Water Works Engineer ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the bridge is left unused at present ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the bridge would be of much use if a road is constructed from Aruvikara to Vellanadu ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that the people have petitioned the Government for the construction of such a road ;

(*e*) what would be the length of the road, if a road be constructed, from Aruvikara to Vellanadu ; and

(*f*) whether they are aware that the people are willing to surrender land free of compensation for the purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The bridge is being used by the public.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) About $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In view of the answers to parts (*a*), (*c*) and (*f*), may I know from the Government why the work has not yet been taken up ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Financial considerations.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the people are willing to surrender the land free of compensation ?

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